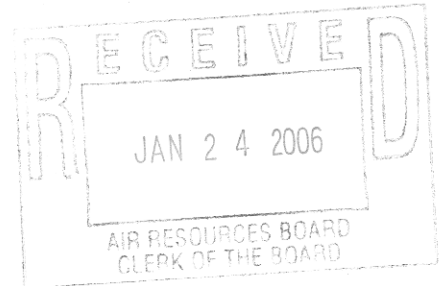


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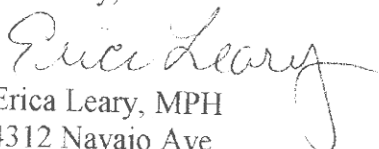
Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board:

As a professional with over 10 years experience in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention programs, I am writing to support the findings and recommendations of the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) to classify environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) as a toxic air contaminant. Given that a Toxic Air Contaminant is defined as "an air pollutant which may cause or contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious illness, or which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health," (H&S Code §39655) it appears obvious that ETS fits this definition.

California has made tremendous strides in the tobacco control movement, but tobacco remains a leading cause of preventable disease and death. Reducing exposure to second-hand smoke is an important public health goal, and the classification of ETS as a toxic air contaminant will help educate the residents of California about the dangers of ETS.

Thank you for your thorough study into this issue, and I hope the effort leads to the recommended result – that ETS is defined as it should be and classified as a toxic air contaminant.

Sincerely,


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